BAUMGARTNER BANGS 'EM IN

INSPIRED by the brilliance of Leopold Baumgartner, Canterbury raced to a 2-0 win against Auburn in the first N.S.W. Soccer semi-final at Sydney Athletic Field on Saturday.

Canterbury will now play in the final today against Prague.

Baumgartner dominated the game in both attack and defence.

His opening goal was a gem of timing and anticipation.

Youthful winger Geoff Warren created the opening when he brought Henderson to his knees with a power-laden drive.

Anticipating perfectly, Baumgartner headed the rebound past the frustrated Henderson, who had no chance of clearing.

WORLD-BEATERS

Moving quickly into the open spaces Baumgartner made his forwards look like world-beaters as he ran them into goal scoring positions.

That they were not successful was due to an over-eagerness of the youthful front liners.

The second goal was from a precision placement by Baumgartner from a corner kick.

The ball, an inswinger, floated over to Smith, who nearly tore the net down with his drive.

★ PASSING SHOTS . . .

✦ IT was a real sight to see Olympic Park ground manager last Saturday afternoon reciting "To be or not to be!" to the seagulls in an empty ground.

✦ In the city Glen Millins is reported to have been seen picking pages of "S.N." calling out: "To Win or Not to Win."

✦ With Lygon Street v. Lonsdale Street, last Sunday, where else could they get the referee from, if not from Russell Street itself?

✦ John Oliphant suggests that any resemblance between the Congo situation and the N.S.W. Federation is NOT purely casual. We don't know who is in and who is out in either place!

✦ Tom McCormick, of Olympic Park ground staff, deserves a gold medal. Half an hour before the match last Sunday he was still working on the ground drying, mopping and rolling. Well done Tom!!

✦ Ted Lezon informs us that his side for the Rest of the World clash has started training.

✦ A well-known soccer personality is obviously in desperate need of a game as a goal keeper: judging by his "sporting look" wear.

✦ George Pedler will be in charge of another Spaghetti v. Fish and Chips final tomorrow — at Shepparton this time!—**JOHN d'ANDREA.**

PREMIERS' PROSPECTS

Don't miss Don Sutherland's feature on "Premiers' Prospects" in next Saturday's "Soccer News." It's a "must" for all followers of South Melb.-Hellas and Allemania-Richmond.

Don will tell you what he thinks of the two clubs and their prospects in big soccer next year. He also has an important message for First Division clubs regarding junior players. So make sure you get your copy of "S.N." next week.

★ TASSIE SAY WE DON'T WANT THEM

AN all-Tasmanian team not wanted in Melbourne and shoddy organisation of the State premiership final was this week's soccer fare, writes JACK CADE in a Tasmanian newspaper.

The Melbourne decision had been on the cards for some time—ever since the original dates were lost when the four-State interstate carnival was switched from Sydney to Melbourne to cause the overlap back in June.

And to think that Tasmania did not take part in the carnival because it was thought we could not afford two trips there — to the carnival and later to challenge for the interstate trophy held by Victoria!

It is six years since a State team visited the Mainland, and with a West Australian challenge likely next season it could be some time before there is a sound reason for crossing Bass Strait.

And to make matters worse Victoria have condescended to come across here provided we pay all their expenses.

In the interests of soccer in Tasmania the State Council is trying to get the team here, but will not do more than offer the visitors the gate receipts from the two matches planned.

It is thought that this incentive will induce a Victorian side to travel, and the only problem will be to find a suitable ground.

A DANCER KICKS OFF

Former Spanish International soccer player, Alfredo Gil, now a world-class dancer appearing with his company at the Comedy Theatre, started the Yugoslavia - Italy match last Sunday before a record crowd at Olympic Park.

The dancer and members of his company were introduced to the two teams and to the referee and linesmen and kicked off amid a grand ovation.

Alfredo Gil will be in Melbourne until October 15 as part of his Australian tour.

Alfredo carries with him a good will message from Real Madrid S.C. to all soccer associations of countries he visits.

MELBOURNE REFS. FOR SHEPPARTON

MESSRS. B. CURRAN and G. Pedler, from the V.A.S.F.A., Melbourne went to Shepparton last week-end to referee the two semi-finals of the Northern Victorian Soccer Championship.

Bill was in charge of the all-Greek match between Olympus and Makedonia last Saturday.

The game came to a dramatic end 20 minutes before full time when Olympus was leading 1-0.

Bill stopped a Makedonia player in a clear off-side position. He was then informed by the captain that his decision was not acceptable.

When the Makedonia team threatened to leave Bill called the two teams together in the middle and put before the Makedonian players their responsibilities.

The Makedonians preferred to abandon the match.

An official decision is expected to confirm Olympus as winner of the first semi-final.

George Pedler, last Sunday, was in charge of the all-Italian semi-final between Roma and Gungooer, which resulted in a victory for Roma 3-0 at the end of 90 minutes.

George will be back in Shepparton tomorrow to take charge of the final.

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SOCCER BOSS BOWS OUT!

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Mr. Andy Burton, fiery president of the Soccer Federation, last Tuesday eased out of office "confident the code is in good hands."

Mr. Burton ended his three-year term as president when he was chairman at a special annual meeting which promises to be a milestone in Soccer's turbulent history.

The Soccer Federation temporarily is without a president.

A successor to Mr. Burton will be chosen when the Federation's new nine-man board of management functions in two weeks.

Composition of the board of management is the reason for Mr. Burton's tranquil conscience.

Mr. Burton said: "I am tired and must take a rest from serious administrative duties.

"During the last torrid 12 months dissension between the Management Committee and the full Council at times reduced the code's administration to a shambles.

"Although I wanted to retire I could not get out and leave the code in such a mess.

"The incoming Board of Management is a level-headed bunch who will promote Soccer intelligently and vigorously.

"I am retiring with a mind at rest."

NEW BOARD

The new Board of Management is:

A Brown (Referees' Association), **T. Grimson** (Canterbury-Marrickville), **J. Bruna** (Prague), **I. Carter** (Toongabbie), **B. Nathan** (Hakoah), **F. Hoffman** (Budapest), **Dr. N. Seamonds** (Hakoah), **E. Ramsay** (Balgownie), **T. Haggett** (Auburn).

LAIDLAW WORLD CUP WINNERS

1950 Yugoslavia, 1951 Scotland, 1952 Scotland, 1953 Poland, 1954 Czechoslovakia, 1955 Italy, 1956 Holland, 1957 England, 1958 Malta, 1959 Scotland, 1960 ?

Senator Kennelly will present the World Cup to the winners of tomorrow's final.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END TO BE RESERVED

The S.L.M.C. resolved that as from next year the Queen's Birthday week-end be reserved to play matches postponed during the first round, in preference to all other matches.

SOCCER THRILLS THIS WEEK-END

OLYMPIC PARK patrons will see a thrilling exhibition of soccer today and tomorrow when Juventus and Melbourne meet in the Ascot 700 Dockerty Cup quarter-finals and Italy and Yugoslavia clash for the Laidlaw World Cup.

Juventus will be out to revenge the defeats imposed by the Hungarians in their first two matches.

Melbourne can be expected to put up a good opposition and confirm their class, an outstanding effort for any promoted team in their first year in top soccer.

ITALY - YUGOSLAVIA SHOULD ESTABLISH a RECORD ATTENDANCE AT OLYMPIC PARK TOMORROW WHEN THE COMPETITION'S TWO GLAMOUR SIDES COME FACE TO FACE.

Yugoslavia won the Cup in 1950 — the competition's first year — and hope to make a return 10 years after.

Italy has also won the World Cup before, in 1955, and theirs is a five-years plan to take the honours.

Italy have been in more finals than any other participating country and must start favourites, although the championship form of their players has not been outstanding this year.

With a strong defence and the ground advantage at Olympic Park, Italy have shown before that they have a good Cup side this year.

Three players who were in the original 1955 team which won the Cup for Italy are expected to take the field tomorrow. They are Guardiani (Polonia) and Picinich and Bottari (Juventus).

Guardiani was one of the outstanding men on the field last Sunday in the Italy-Greece clash and was partly responsible for the Italian victory.

Centre - forward, **Frank Barbazza, who was unlucky to have to be carried away after only 60 seconds last Sunday, is expected to lead his team.**

The referee will be Bob Lamb, linesmen, P. Ward and E. Hecht.

IT WAS A WASH OUT!

For the first time in many years all senior soccer fixtures were cancelled last Saturday.

It is the first time this has happened in a Dockerty Cup round since its inception 51 years ago.

As a result, the season will now finish at least one week later, provided the weather doesn't interfere with the remaining fixtures and replays.

Our readers missed their copy of "Soccer News" last Saturday and this week it is re-presented, together with the latest soccer information.

This Week

ASCOT 700 DOCKERTY CUP — 6th Round

Brighton v. Hakoah (Middle Park).
Melbourne v. Juventus (Olympic Park).
Polonia v. Box Hill.
Preston v. Sth Melb.-Hellas.

STATE LEAGUE RES.

Hakoah v. Polonia. (from 9/7/60).
~~Juventus l.p.~~, Wilhelmina w.o. (from 28/5/60).
George Cross v. Box Hill. (from 20/8/60)
~~Preston v.~~ Moreland. (from 9/7/60)
~~Slavia l.p.~~, Melbourne w.o. (from 20/8/60)

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Sunshine City v. ~~Strikers~~ (from 21/5/60)

Final, Laidlaw World Cup Yugoslavia v. Italy—Olympic Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Last Week

WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL
Italy 2, Greece 0.

STATE LEAGUE RES.
Box Hill 1, Juventus 2
George Cross 2, Slavia 12 (From 9/7/60)
Melb. w.o., Footscray l.p. (From 30/7/60)

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Maccabi 6, S'shine City 4 (From 27/8/60)

SECOND DIV. SOUTH
Frankston w.o. v. N. Melb l.p. (From 27/8/60)

FIRST SOUTH RESERVE
Sth. Yarra l.p., R'mond w. (From 20/8/60)

PRESS FACILITIES ARE SHOCKING!

SIRS,—In the last couple of years Victorian Soccer has had the greatest publicity of its long chequered career.

The "Sporting Globe" has built an efficient indoor staff ably handled by capable men. At a great cost it has gathered a top grade sporting staff, whose knowledge of the game enables them to give an intimate, accurate account of various identities to a soccer sporting public.

In return for all this, what help do the soccer clubs give to the reporters? Absolutely none, when one realizes that their coffers are filled by the work of those men. They offer them no facilities in any shape or form to cover an assignment.

A reporter allotted a match has first to procure from the club officials a list of players for purposes of identification. This always seems a great difficulty. They (the club officials) do not seem to know who's playing where, and where who is playing. Often he cannot get his list until just before the game starts. This unnecessary delay prevents the reporter getting settled.

Where stands are on the ground, the reporter gets what he thinks is a good position, so that he can see the game.

What happens, however, is that in the excitement of the game, supporters stand up and give vent to their feelings against players and referees.

Apart from blocking his view of important incidents, it is most difficult to write standing up and with a shouting, squealing crowd of supporters bawling into your ear drums.

On grounds that offer facilities for cars, I find supporters like the position you have picked for your car, and decide to lean against the fence and block your view, despite your protestation that you are writing on the game. You are therefore forced to seek fresh pastures and perhaps your new position does not give you an uninterrupted view of the game, so that some incidents are missed by you.

At half-time the reporter has to phone in his story. He hurries away and if lucky finds a public phone disengaged. But, brother, he has to be lucky!

When he gets back to the match and if he has been unduly delayed, the fun now really starts.

Firstly, it is pounds to a peanut he has lost his position in the stand; he runs around demented, trying to find out if the score has changed, and to me who cannot speak Polish, Greek or Italian, that is a terrible handicap, and I find my English seems so bad that I have difficulty in making people understand me.

I think it is up to the soccer clubs to make some attempt for next season to erect on each ground a Press shed and instal a plug-in telephone so that the reporter can do a worthwhile job confidently and accurately.

"A Disgruntled Reporter."
(Name and address supplied).

Sirs,—As a regular reader of "S.N.," I would like to say "Well done" for the fine article on the club "Olympia" in "S.N" of 10/9/60. To many of us soccer fans, if not to most, the Olympia football club was just another name in the weekly soccer results and League tables. Now, however, we readers of "S.N." know at least something about the teams. What's more, I hope the trend continues, as there are many other teams that soccer fans would like to know about — teams like Moonee Ponds, for instance, and Frankston, Corio, Alexander, Collingwood, etc., to name only a few.

I would also like to take this opportunity to urge all soccer fans to DEMAND of the authorities concerned more time both on the radio and TV for our sport. I'm not, of course, referring to the commercial stations, but rather to the Government stations, 3AR and ABV2. An organised demand should be made by us as the taxpayers who help to maintain these stations, for at least a weekly programme.

I suggest, all clubs get together and have forms printed demanding the above. These would be distributed at soccer matches ready for each individual to sign and post to the proper authorities.

Soccer has hardly any publicity in this State and this, I'm sure would do a lot in that direction. We must ask for it; otherwise we can only blame ourselves for not getting what I'm sure most desire.—Yours, etc.,

"CRITICUS."

Gray Street, Brunswick.

Sirs, — For the good of soccer and the players, I would like to see the top four teams play off at the beginning of next season. I think soccer is a great game, but one can overdo it like anything else. Take the first eight teams—they're all saying the same thing: "the season is too long."

This year we had only "two giants," but last year we had four, and there were only 2 points the difference between them. The players are not getting enough rest.

Will you please tell me J.U.S.T.'s highest defeat in the past three seasons?—Yours, etc.,

"HAKOAH FAN."

• *J.U.S.T.'s highest defeat was against Moreland in 1958. J.U.S.T. lost 9—0.*

OUT FOR LIFE

The N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Leagues has suspended R. Schirato, of Juventus Soccer Club, for life for striking a referee.

● PROVISIONAL LEAGUE SUMMARY

ALEXANDER ARE REAL CHAMPIONS

FOR the many supporters of Provisional League teams the season ended well over three weeks ago, with Alexander undisputed victors of the League.

Here is a round-up of the 1960 Provisional League highlights:

At the beginning of the season five teams—Alexander, Ringwood, D.S.G., Springvale and Waterside Workers' Federation (WWF) entered the League.

Of the entrants Alexander proved themselves champions when they easily won the League with a total of 34 points.

Their attack was the best of any team competing in Victorian Soccer this season, with 113 goals scored.

Of the other new teams admitted to the League Ringwood did well to finish fourth with 23 points, while D.S.G. and Springvale justified their inclusion in the Provisional League this season.

Trident and Olympia, who gained experience in the League last season, finished second and third respectively and could be promoted to the Second Division next season.

Bendigo improved their position on last year and with D.S.G. and Ringwood could be well in the promotion hunt for next season. However, they will have to counter strong opposition from the relegation victims of the Second Division.

The Watersiders had a disappointing season but this could only be expected as they had difficulty in training throughout the season and in fielding the same team each week due to shift work.

I conclude by wishing all teams the best of fortune for the coming season. Let's hope the standard of play continues and that the Provisional League will be the training ground for future State League Clubs.

—RUSSELL LEA.

OLYMPIA LOSE CUP ---AFTER PROTEST

SUNSHINE CITY lodged a protest against the result of the Blue Riband Cup Final recently played at Olympic Park, alleging that the winners, Olympia, had fielded an ineligible player, S. Spiewak, under Junior Rule 17. After hearing the evidence from both clubs, the Disciplinary Committee awarded the game to Sunshine City. Spiewak had previously played in an Under 14 J. J. Liston Cup tie for Olympia against Sacred Hearts before playing in the Under 12 Blue Riband Cup Final.

The Disciplinary Committee also heard a protest by Sunshine City against the result of the drawn match with Ajax in the last Under 16 North Section game. The game was awarded to Sunshine City because Ajax had fielded a registered Sunshine City player in goal.

Sunshine City finish as Under 16 North Section champions. It is understood that Ajax will appeal.

An appeal has been received by V.A.S.F.A. Senior Council against a recent decision awarding a J. J. Liston Cup game to Essendon. Sandringham-Aspendale had fielded in ineligible player in "A" and "B" teams in the same knock-out competition under Rule 17.

As a result of these appeals, the Under 14 Cup Semi-final between Ardeer and Essendon and the Under 16 League play-off between Box Hill and Sunshine City are postponed until the appeals have been heard.

The season's honours are very interesting in that Sunshine City have won all trophies played for with the exception of Under 14 League and Cup.

Season's Honours

Under 12 League: Sunshine City 32 points; runners-up, Olympia 30.

Under 12 Blue Riband Cup: Sunshine City; runners-up, Olympia.

Under 14 North: Ardeer 33; runners-up, North Sunshine 31.

Under 14 South: St. Kilda 33; runners-up, to be decided.

Under 16 North: Sunshine City 26; runners-up, Ajax 24.

Under 16 South: Box Hill 23; runners-up, Moorabbin City 21.

Under 16 Miller Cup: Sunshine City; runners-up, Ajax.

Under 18 Supplementary Comp.: Sunshine City 8; runners-up, Essendon 7.

Under 18 League: Sunshine City 27; runners-up, St. Kilda 23.

In the Latrobe Valley, Newborough United won the Under 14 Competition, playing 22 games, winning 22 games and scoring 109 goals against nil. Goalscorers were: B. Goode 54, V. Kuzer 39, C. Platt 5, C. Barrett 4, R. Moar 3, P. Skelton 3, and C. Johnson. The popular L.V.J.S.A. Secretary, R. Steel, was the team coach. Newborough have arranged to play a match with the Under 14 South champions, St. Kilda, later this month in Melbourne.

Season 1961. Applications to enter Junior competitions for next season can now be made in writing to the hon. Secretary Junior Management Committee V.A.S.F.A., 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine, W.20 (telephone 311-3156). Entries will close on February 15, 1961.

Junior referees are required for season 1961. Any person interested should apply to J. F. Threlfall, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine, W.20. Travelling expenses are paid to Junior referees. — JOE THRELFALL.

GOOD ENTRY FOR NEW WORLD CUP

CONGRATULATIONS to Olympia Soccer and Social Club for organising the "New World" Lightning Premiership in Geelong.

This tournament has to be played until the end with the same 14 players.

All games up to the semi-finals will last one hour (two half-hour periods without rest). Replacements of injured players are allowed throughout each match at the discretion of the referee.

The organising club has chosen the best available referees and has left the final decisions in their hands and therefore no protests are accepted, unless the referee leaves a certain decision to the Olympia Committee.

In the event of a draw, the game will be extended by two 7½ minutes periods or until the first and deciding goal is scored.

In case no goal is scored the decision will be made by granting each club three penalty kicks, to be taken by three different players against the opponent goalkeeper, and to be repeated until a decision has fallen.

Each club is granted four minutes to take the penalty kicks. A linesman is to be provided by each club and has to be replaced at the wish of the referee.

A team which does not appear or appears too late, loses automatically.

A team which has lost two matches will be eliminated.

The matches will be played on Sundays at Corio Oval Eastern Park, Geelong.

The losers play their rehabilitation matches on the following Saturday on the Olympia ground, Melbourne Road, close to Georges Road, intersection of Norlane, and come back to Corio Oval if they win.

Geelong Soccer Club has kept the cup for two years. A club who wins the cup for three consecutive years or five years in total, owns the cup, which will then be replaced by "The New World" Dutch weekly newspaper for Australia.

Here is a list of names and addresses of participating clubs:—

Ballarat City — Mr. M. Peel, 830 Howitt Street, Ballarat.

Nimrod — Mr. Polgar, 20 Lancaster Ave., Newcomb, Geelong.

Zagreb — Mr. Jeremic, 8 Gidding Street, Geelong.

Scottish — Mr. McKenzie, 33 Swanston St., E. Geelong.

Collingwood Eagles — Mr. Karbenenko, 6 Hook Street, St. Albans.

Bell Park Parish—Mr. Host, 199 Separation Street, Geelong.

Ringwood United — Mr. J. Brocken, 1110 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill.

Croatia — S. Koocojan, Free Bag, Marshall, Via Geelong.

Geelong — Mr. Barbadoro, 280 Bellerine Street, Geelong.

D.S.G. — Mr. M. Fiolet, 43 Tennyson Street, Norlane.

Wilhelmina — Mr. F. Hutchison, 28 Edna Street, Heathmont, Ringwood.

St. Albans—Mr. Milencovic, 30 Cleveland Street, St. Albans.

Olympia No. 1. and Olympia No. 2 — Mr. W. Melši, 68 Little Malop Street, Geelong.

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GOALIE SCORES

Slavia seems to have found the answer to the chronic problem of scoring goals. Beating George Cross 12-2, Ray Barotajs, the goalkeeper, played at centre-forward for the reserve team last Saturday, and scored five goals. Paul Sas also netted five times; both backs, Johnson and Hubbard, scored two.

SIX-A-SIDE AT FLINDERS

FLINDERS Naval Depot "six-a-side" Soccer Carnival will be held at Flinders Naval Depot on Sunday, September 25.

Here are a few details for participating clubs:

Play will commence, at 11.30 sharp, 30 minutes allowed for each match, so that the next series will commence at 12.00 and so on.

It is essential that starting times be adhered to rigidly in view of the large programme and the necessity to complete the tournament before dark.

It will therefore be necessary to disqualify teams which are not on the field ready to play at the time promulgated, and the referees have been informed accordingly.

Colours: In view of the fact that some clash of colours is inevitable, teams are requested to bring two sets. Referees will decide whether a colour change is necessary and the top team on the draw card will have the choice.

Teams are requested to provide a match ball, and one linesman.

The Depot will be open to visitors from 10.30 and clubs are requested to arrive before this time.